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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RELEASE OF SOME CHILEAN DETAINEES

1. AFTERNOON LA SEGUNDA AUGUST 16 CARRIED SMALL ARTICLE CITING SOURCES FROM CHILEAN COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES, AN INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH GROUP ORGANIZED SHORTLY AFTER SEPT 11 COUP, THAT A PROPOSAL FOR "AMNESTY" IS BEING PREPARED FOR ISSUANCE ON UPCOMING COUP ANNIVERSARY DATE. ACCORDING TO STORY, PROPOSAL WOULD COVER THOSE PERSONS DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGE OR UNDER HOUSE ARREST BUT WOULD NOT INCLUDE THOSE FACING TRIAL IN CIVILIAN COURTS OR MILITARY TRIBUNALS. THOSE FREED UNDER THIS SCHEME WOULD PURPORTEDLY BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE CHILE. COMMITTEE SOURCES CLAIMED THAT A LIST OF SOME 250 PERSONS WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A MEASURE HAD ALREADY BEEN PREPARED.

2. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE A FEW HOURS LATER, CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL PINOCHET REFUTED IN PART THIS REPORT. GOC IS STUDYING "THE COMMUTATION OR REDUCTION OF SENTENCES" OF SOME PERSONS CONVICTED OF "LESSER CRIMES", HE ADMITTED, BUT IN NO CASE WILL GOC ISSUE A GENERAL AMNESTY. ANY PERSONS SO BENEFITTED WILL INDEED BE EXILED. IN OBVIOUS PIQUE, PINOCHET STATED THAT IDEA WAS GOVERNMENT'S AND IF ANY ORGANIZATION CLAIMS THE PATERNITY

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OF THIS MEASURE WHICH IS PRESENTLY UNDER STUDY, THE GOVERNMENT

WILL NOT PUT IT INTO EFFECT.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE REPORTED (SANTIAGO 4836) NUMEROUS
RUMORS REVOLVING AROUND SEPTEMBER 11 ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING POSSIBLE RELEASE OF SOME DETAINEES.
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